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1. Forwarded under separate cover is ()'s
debriefing report on BGFiend's 4-man Pine Tree Team which arrived in
LCFlake via TProach 27 June 1952.

2. The team members feel that they could have successfully
continued to operate in KMWahoo had it not been for the utter dis-
regard for security on the part of their leader which finally resulted
in the arrest and imprisonment of many of the patriots who had aided
the team. The result was that their entire operational area was alerted
and security forces were moved in, making it impossible for them to con-
tinue.

3. Unfortunately this lack of security seems to be rather common
among many of the low calibre ZRSpells we have been forced to use in the
past. As a result of the slightest success, their ego gets the better
of them and they feel obliged to boast of their clandestine activities.
The debriefing clearly brought out the fact that the team leader worked
as a personal emissary of Kaempfer and showed little interest in HTNeigh.

4. In spite of the team's many shortcomings which were mainly
due to its poor leadership, it is felt that the mission was successful
from the point of view of bringing out information of considerable
interest. A supplement to this debriefing will follow once ()
has decoded the rather voluminous notes kept by the team leader in his
own system of cipher. He held back this material until the very last
minute and produced it only after some strong persuasion on our part.

5 Attachments:

- 1. Debriefing - Part I
- 2. Debriefing - Part II
- 3. Debriefing - Part III
- 4. Commo Debriefing (Wash only)
- 5. Sketch " "

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